

Dear Js,

After 7:30 p.m., more than 14 hours after leaving bed, I haven't even read the papers. With today's news, that tells you the kind of day. I clipped the Post and NYTimes, skimmed the NYDaily News and Balt Sun (a.m.), and I've watched the evening TV news.

The source of the Gray incendiaryism is easy to figure. Surprised the papers which did not have the story leaked to them didn't do it. The clue is in the Baltimore Sun, which has nothing else not in the Times, so I haven't copied it.

I haven't seen the Post yet. I've asked Lesar to get two copies of the late edition. You have the usual early one by now. I mailed it in the a.m. However, electronic reporting and the Times identify the source as "friends of Gray". The Sun adds what it takes: "Congressional sources". Putting the two together = Weicher and, I think, just about eliminates anyone else- from these accounts only.

I can only wonder what other papers had their own breaks on this. We know of the three reported electronically. Incidentally, as late as CBS net TV news out of NYC, they had only the two NYCity papers. 7 a.m. EST. We now know three. The other papers that come to this town from large cities, like Phila. and Pgh., didn't get here. I suppose the weather (local flooding here) is the cause.

With Wash., Balt. and NYC in on the leak, it took some arranging and preparing. Even if they were all filled in at the same time.

It was 2 p.m. here when I heard the Ellsberg part. Wow! That should be in the Post. I'm anxious to see the memo text. TV news said the judge read all of it into the record and then, firmly, directed the government to investigate itself.

It is not satisfaction but dismay I feel over these Hunt developments. You know some of my efforts to direct attention to him over the past 10 months or so. Nobody would listen. Nor has any one of the many phoned since these things started to break. The most criminal has yet to come out. Lesar now sees what I was driving at in suggesting to Bud that he talk with me, face to face, no phone, prior to deposing Bennett. But he can't do anything with Bud, either. Laying the yesterday egg will make no difference, nor will it that I predicted it. Unless it makes me more unpopular.

If I don't send you a carbon of a memo on a former hq operative in the massive Army Intelligence operation, please nudge me. I'm not up to it now. There is a now local guy who was sort of a chief file clerk plus for years, ending in 1966, while they were beginning to computerize it. It was at Holabird. I don't think he'll reminisce on tape.

Jim got a little more from Ray, who is failing fast. I push for years, based on my original analysis, and with all the trouble we've had Bud still expects what I have free. I was pointed in naying to Jim today. What Jimmy has come up with I got from him. But when I can't get there, he gives it to others. I push more and he comes up with more. I am no more satisfied about the Partin connection that I was in 1968. I was then satisfied it is a possibility. We can't today say more. However, I'm unhappy about the situation and my inability to accept further exploitation. When Lil heard my loudness and vigor with Jim (and she knows I like him) she made it easier by saying she has some rights and she is exercising them: no more free work.

Anyway, these things can indicate why it is not a good day and I can't get down to what I should do. I stay busy with things requiring less concentration. Wanted you to have the added Gray clues. I don't think the papers will look into Ruckelshaus. I have already published that he is a suborner of perjury (F-U, epilogue). I have more of this now, but I'm not even going to take the time to tell anyone.

With the last 24 hours and my reminder of more than a week ago, NBC hasn't returned the Hunt stuff. If it is not in the mail tomorrow, I'll have to ask again.

Good young Howard! NYT 25 here today. Unread. Also True 5/73, piece on Cyril, from Ed, on the missing brain. Unread.

I think it may be significant that Bill Hoeb was out with his expose of the (my words) Nixon blackmailing of Hoffa and the Teamsters, \$175,000 in gift, loans to Vegas types. To begin with, wire services would not touch! Courage thy name is AP UPI! HW 4/27/73